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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON IEA ACTIONS CONCERNING R&D
COOPERATION

1. AT FEBRUARY 24 IEA CRD MEETING INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON (A) DRAFT R&D STRATEGY DOCUMENT PREPARED BY STEERING COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, (B) PAPER ON PREPARATION FOR SPRING 1977 GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION ON ENERGY (IEA/CRD (77)47) R&D. CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT-KUESTER REQUESTED COMMENTS ON THESE TWO DOCUMENTS BE SUBMITTED, WHICH REQUEST WAS RE-EMPHASIZED IN A TELEGRAM FROM SCHMIDT-KUESTER TO CRD MEMBERS.

2. MISSION REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING U.S. COMMENTS TO IEA SECRETARIAT (KLEIN) AND EMBASSY BONN REQUESTED DELIVER COMMENTS TO SCHMIDT-KUESTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. DOCUMENT IEA/CRD (77) 47 --

WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS BEEN ASSUMED IN PLANNING THUS FAR THAT MEETING OF NATIONAL R&D CHIEFS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 28 AND THAT SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF R&D COOPERATION COULD TAKE PLACE AT GOVERNING BOARD SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29.

HOWEVER, AT ECONOMIC SUMMIT ON MAY 6-7 ENERGY WILL BE AN IMPORTANT AGENDA TOPIC (INCLUDING ENERGY R&D FOR WHICH THE U.S. MAY PROPOSE SOME NEW INITIATIVES BUILDING ON DRAFT IEA STRATEGY) AND WE BELIEVE NOW THAT NATIONAL R&D CHIEFS SHOULD MEET AFTER SUMMIT INSTEAD OF LATE APRIL AS PLANNED. AFTER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT, WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING DESIRABILITY OF SCHEDULING A CRD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING TOWARD THE END OF APRIL (POSSIBLY APRIL 26 AND 27, IN ORDER TO MESH WITH OUR DELEGATION ATTENDANCE AT APRIL 28-29 MEETING OF NEA STEERING COMMITTEE) AND WOULD APPRECIATE SECRETARIAT AND SCHMIDT-KUESTER VIEWS. MEETING WOULD BE USED FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED R&D STRATEGY AND FUTURE COURSE OF COOPERATIVE R&D WORK.

WE THUS SUGGEST THAT SUBJECT DOCUMENT BE HELD IN ABEYANCE AND BE AMENDED AS APPROPRIATE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EVENTS LATER THIS SPRING.

4. DRAFT R&D STRATEGY DOCUMENT. THIS DOCUMENT SUGGESTS A SIGNIFICANT NEW FOCUS FOR ENERGY R&D COOPERATION WHICH WOULD EMPHASIZE JOINT ACTION ON THOSE TECHNOLOGIES WHICH HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON OIL AND GAS SAVINGS.

A COOPERATIVE STRATEGY, HOWEVER, HAS TWO IMPORTANT FACETS, BOTH SUPPORTED BY AN AGREED ENERGY R&D STRATEGY; (A) COOPERATION AND INTERACTIONS INCLUDING TECHNICAL

INTERCHANGES IN PLANNING OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS LEADING TO COMPLIMENTARY AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTING ENERGY R&D ACTIVITIES, AND (B) JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BOTH HARDWARE-ORIENTED PROGRAMS AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT OF COMMONLY AGREED GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, AND CRITERIA IN SUCH AREAS AS ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY AS WELL AS IN VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY SECTORS. WE BELIEVE MORE EMPHASIS NEEDS TO BE GIVEN IN THE DOCUMENT TO (A) ABOVE SINCE THE MAJOR COMPONENT OF OUR COOPERATIVE ACTIONS WILL NECESSARILY DEPEND ON STRENGTHENED AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTING NATIONAL ACTIONS RATHER THAN JOINT PROJECTS WHICH, WHILE SIGNIFICANT IN THEMSELVES, ARE PERHAPS BETTER REGARDED AS THE CONCRETE, HIGHLY VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF A GREATER MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH THE ENERGY PROBLEM.

5. THE DRAFT STRATEGY DOCUMENT HAS VERY BRIEF SECTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON "APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTATION" AND ON "TECHNOLOGY CHARACTERIZATION." WE SUGGEST THE LATTER SECTION NEEDS ELABORATION WITH REGARD TO THE OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH TAKEN IN THE PHASE 1 EFFORT AS WELL AS AN EXPANDED DISCUSSION OF THE PHASE 2 EFFORT INCLUDING ITS GOALS AND

WORK TASKS. THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO THE OTHER ANALYSES BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE IEA NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZED AND ACTIONS IDENTIFIED TO ASSURE REASONABLE COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE DATA SETS GENERATED BY THE SEVERAL IEA-SPONSORED ANALYSES.

6. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, THE DRAFT WOULD BE MODIFIED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM DELEGATIONS AS REQUESTED BY SCHMIDT-KUESTER. AS OF MARCH 18 COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ONLY FROM IRELAND AND SWEDEN. THE CRD NEEDS TO IDENTIFY SPECIFICALLY BOTH THE ISSUES AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS WHICH ARE SUGGESTED BY THE DRAFT DOCUMENT AND DEVELOP A SUGGESTED APPROACH FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS. SUCH AN ANALYSIS OF NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY CRD SHOULD BE PART OF ANY DOCUMENT WHICH IT TRANSMITS TO THE GOVERNING BOARD. WE PROPOSE THAT THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE THE FIRST DRAFT OF THIS ANALYSIS IN CONSULTATION WITH CRD MEMBERS. THE ANALYSIS SHOULD BE CIRCULATED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT CRD MEETING AND SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY COMMENTS FROM THE SLT ON THE PRESENT DOCUMENT.

7. IEA GOVERNING BOARD ON MARCH 15-16 DISCUSSED SECRETARIAT PAPER ON R&D COLLABORATION WITH LDC'S AND CONCLUDED THAT PAPER NEEDED BROADER PERSPECTIVE. REVISED

SECRETARIAT PAPER SC;EDULED TO BE TAKEN UP AT JOINT
CERD/BURROWS GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19. WOULD
APPRECIATE MISSION CONSULTING WITH SECRETARIAT ON
NATIONAL REPRESENTATION (AT A MINIMUM WE WOULD EXPECT
U.S., DUTCH, CANADIAN, FRG PARTICIPATION).
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